

Highgate Hill Unitarian Christian Church.

Minister: Rev. A. A. CHARLESWORTH, 73, Cromwell Avenue, Highgate, N.

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DEAR Mr Hudson

We want you to know that you are in our thoughts at this Season. For us and for you it is a strange Christmastide. The traditional thoughts are those of peace. You are engaged in the stern business of war, to which there seems little prospect of an early end. So we grip your hand, realising that for you there must be still the hard duty. We think with gratitude and admiration of the way in which you have come forward to take your part in this hideous conflict, thrust upon us because we could not stand by and see naked brute force established as supreme. Christmas reminds us of the most beautiful of human hopes and dreams. We imagine a world at peace, but at peace because goodwill is universal. He from whose life these visions come to us suffered and died at the hands of those who had no sort of understanding of the secret of their own well-being which His gospel brought. They killed their own deliverer. To-day it is you and others like you who are the bearers of the world's hope, in whose strong and faithful witness is the possibility of its better future in this age. To us it is no exaggeration to say that for our age you are playing the Christ part. We pray that the issue of this prolonged Calvary may be in accordance with the ideals and aims which you and we alike cherish. We who cannot be by your side in the camp and the trench send you this warm and friendly greeting. We can look up together into the heavens knowing that what we genuinely want is the world's good and peace. So may there come to you visions and voices which will give brightness even to this dark Christmastide.

On behalf of the Committee,

We are very sincerely yours,

Adrian A. Charlesworth Minister.

J. W. Withill Chairman.

Jas. S. Cooper Secretary.